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THE TOWN

Muriel Lazzarini, new Select Board member, was sworn into office for a three year term by Town Clerk Barbara Swann. Lazzarini will also serve a three year term on the Board of Health. Selectman Peter Brown was elected to chair both boards.

Emergency Volunteers. A policy regarding emergency fire and medical volunteers vs. paid employees which passed at the April 28th Meeting was amended May 5 : "...In an emergency situation, all workers will be considered as unpaid volunteers until the Emergency Management Coordinator makes the decision that the imminent dangers to persons and property requiring fire and medical response have been reduced to a non-emergency status. After that determination, workers may be considered as paid personnel." This action is the result of the Town not being reimbursed by MEMA for payments to some of the workers after the tornado who were counted as volunteers after the emergency status was declared over.

Special Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting likely will be held in early July to consider several items:

The Planning Board seeks to amend the Monterey Zoning By-law for the purpose of enacting a six month moratorium on the construction of Wireless Communications Facilities (cellular towers) in the Town. (See notice of Planning Board public hearing June 6.) There are numerous objections to cellular towers in a picturesque setting, one of which is that technology will likely make them obsolete.

A revised proposal for Monterey to apply for creating a federal Historic District on Main Road may come up. This revision would request a shortened District to begin at the bottom of the hill that enters the center of Town from the west. Becoming a federal district would allow Monterey to apply for matching funds to help with repairs to historical buildings, i.e., the Church. A federal district would incur no restrictions on owners.

The Memorial Day Parade, kickoff for the 150th Celebration, was a feast for the eyes, ears and spirit. (Photo by Maggie Leonard)

Plans for renovating Town Hall may be presented. Barbara Swann, Town Clerk, has stated repeatedly the need for the Town to have a vault for the proper storage of documents. There is much discussion about the cost and placement of such a vault. The Select Board sees many possibilities for the Edith Wilson House, but becoming a Town Hall is not among them.

Monterey may vote on a revised school budget. New Marlborough and Sheffield voted down the budget, which Monterey passed (see Town Meeting report). Since revisions to the budget will be on the down side, adjustments might return some money to Monterey which would roll over as free cash.

Directional Signs. The petition for a directional sign pointing the way to business interests in New Marlborough was forwarded to the Planning Board with the comment that the Board should clarify a directional sign policy. The Select Board said guidelines should be made specific. The Town has no ordinance regarding directional signs, though several exist, and the one in question at the intersection of Rts. 57 and 23 had been in place before the tornado. Past practice has replaced signs damaged or lost, and replacing that sign seems appropriate to some who are involved in the controversy. Others feel that the sign, or any signs, are an invasion of the area's rural atmosphere. Planning Board Chairman Wayne Burkhart plans to push for an ordinance that addresses directional signs at the next meeting of the Board. A Zoning By-law change may be in order, in which case decisions about signs would be up to the Building Inspector.

Miscellany. Lake Garfield will not proceed with the weevil project for controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil this summer, (See Monterey News, Feb.'97.)

The source of the weevils is sold out!

Work on the River Road river bank is proceeding nicely. Stabilization of the bank is being done with gabions, wire baskets for hold stones, stacked so as to create a wall. It's quite a work of art being engineered by Leigh Tryon.

Jane Kessler has resigned her position as an Election Officer. The Board voted April 28 to appoint Barbara Tryon to replace her.

The Solid Waste Committee met with the Select Board May 19 to discuss a request made by Roger Trucking to dump the trash of its Monterey customers at the Transfer Station. Rogers says they will provide a list of their customers and see to the paying of the fees.

The Board agreed that this can be a workable plan if Roger Trucking agrees to adhere to Monterey's recycling law.

Jane Black

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Mark J.J. Makuc at 9:30 a.m. May 3 at the Fire Station. The Meeting elected Muriel Lazzarini to the Select Board, replacing retiring Gige O'Connell. O'Connell received a bouquet of flowers and a standing ovation as small measure of thanks for her nine years of devoted service as a Selectperson.

In the only contest, Fred Chapman was elected to the Planning Board.

The entire budget of $1,721,359 passed with only one minor amendment. The chief reason for budget increases was Town employee raises. The budget items and Articles attracting the most interest are discussed.

Full Time Police Chief. The warrant did not have as a separate item the proposal to have a full-time chief was confused as one item . Selectman Peter Brown guaranteed that with the proposed salary of $33,820 the chief would be full-time. He and O'Connell expressed unreserved confidence in Chief Backhaus as a full-time chief. Opposition to the item expressed fear of encroaching bureaucracy and confidence that the "neighbors watch neighbors' homes" is adequate for crime prevention in Monterey.

Former Selectman Dick Tryon said Monterey probably has better protection with a part-time chief, a part-time cadre of police trainees, and the outside support of state police than the Town had some years ago with a full-time chief. This view was rebutted by Gige O'Connell and Peter Brown. O'Connell said Monterey sponsors Academy costs and provides on-job training for recruits only to lose them to higher paying areas when they become seasoned to the job.

Brown pointed out that the state police cannot respond promptly to Monterey calls because they are not always in the area and have little ideas of street locations in Monterey. Chief Backhaus spoke of his interest in bringing community policing to Monterey by working with citizens for crime prevention and by providing continuity in problem solving. He also note d an increase in break-ins and vandalism.

Sheffield Police Chief James McGarry spoke at the Meeting, saying South Berkshire sits in the middle of the drug trafficking triangle between Albany, Hartford, and Springfield. Backhaus said 68% of Monterey houses are owned as second homes. "Second homeowners deserve police protection but don't have a vote," he said.

An amendment to Item 210 to maintain Backhaus' salary at $6876, without the raise accorded other Town employees, was defeated by secret ballot. Article 3, the budget, passed giving Monterey a full-time police chief. Having a full-time chief makes Monterey eligible for federal police grants. Monterey will also have a new police cruiser. The Town also voted $19,240 to secure a new cruiser.

Schools Supported. Monterey, always inclined to support the school district, passed the school budget which showed an operating increase of 5.4% School Committee member Jed Lipsky said this increase is largely due to circumstances beyond district control, negotiated teacher salaries.

Lipsky commended the efforts the district has made to raise test scores. Departing Superintendent Tom Consolati received a standing ovation for his years of dedication to challenging students to do their best. (Since Monterey's' Meeting, New Marlborough and Sheffield have voted down the proposed budget.)

No History for Main Road. The Monterey Historical Commission was disappointed by the Meeting' voting down the procedure to seek making a federal historical district on Main Road.

In spite of explanations that a federal district imposes absolutely no restrictions on owners but does provide grants for maintenance, several horror stories of state restrictions on historical districts in Great Barrington and Groton, Massachusetts were enough to defeat the Article soundly.

Quarterly Billing Nixed. Quarterly billing of local taxes was also defeated: the meeting was convinced that the expenses and additional salary of the tax collector, imposed by quarterly billing, would outweigh interest costs incurred when the Town has to borrow money.

One Person/One Vote Issue Ends with a Whimper. The much debated one person/one vote issue to resolve the 14th Amendment impasse on school committee representation finally came to the vote after most of the voting Town members had left the Meeting.

Although the vote was on a moot point, as Sheffield had already voted in favor of weighted voting (Art. 31) and all towns must agree, those who hoped to send a strong message to the judge, deciding the case, were disappointed by the light vote. Article 30, the Alford Compromise, for district-wide voting carried 34 to 13 while Article 31 received 14 votes in favor.

Jane Black

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THE SELECT BOARD AND COUNTY HONOR AND THANK GIGE O'CONNELL

On the evening of April 28, Gige O'Connell chaired her final meeting of the Monterey Select Board. County Commissioner William "Smitty" Pignatelli presented her an official citation recognizing and congratulating her for nine years of dedicated service to Berkshire County and Monterey. The Town will never stop thanking Gige for her wisdom, skill, and diplomacy in leadership.

During Gige's years in office, she has been an effective liaison between the school district as well as the County and the Town. She has attended countless meetings to represent Monterey's interests and to inform the Town of progress on school issues and County co ncerns. In the recent controversy over school committee representation, she led efforts to resolve the district's lawsuit to avoid discord among towns.

Gige serves on the Berkshire County Advisory Board and is active in determining how County government can serve County needs today. She presently is part of the Task Force working toward that goal. Whether or how county government will continue is an immediate concern since Governor Weld is hoping to pass legislation this summer which will do away with county government. We are fortunate to have Gige's input at this level.

In a recent interview, Gige told me she is particularly gratified to see Monterey moving into the 21st century in such positive ways as taking advantage of sophisticated computer efficiency in managing Town business. She credits Peter Brown with this initiative. She is also glad to have been part of bringing community policing to Monterey, not only for maintaining the peace and tranquillity of Monterey but also for making Monterey eligible for police protection grant money.

One activity Gige has most enjoyed on the Select Board is the Annual Meeting of Second Homeowners. "They have contributed so much to maintaining the beauty and atmosphere that make Monterey unique. I love listening to their input. They have done so much for Monterey."

Gige O'Connell flanked by "Smitty" Pignatelli and Peter Brown

Asked what is her main concern for Monterey's future, Gige quickly answered, "Maintaining the character of the Town." She is disappointed that seeking a federal historic district for Main Road center of Town failed. Of particular concern is the condition of the old church which needs extensive renovation if it is to remain an historic landmark of Monterey.

She regrets that she did not do more to inform voters that federal districts entail no restrictions but could provide funds to help in repairs such as the church needs. "That church and the General Store," she said, "make the center of Monterey."

When I asked Gige what she did her first Monday night free of Select Board duties, she said she celebrated by having company for supper. She counted 400 Monday nights at Select Board meetings! And that's only the tip of the iceberg when you consider all the other meetings of school, County, and Town affairs. Fortunately for Monterey, Gige is still involved. Currently, she is serving as a volunteer Clerk of the Board of Health.

Jane Black

NOTICES

The Monterey Select Board will conduct a public meeting for second homeowners on Saturday, July 19, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Town Offices, Main Road, Monterey. The Board welcomes input from all Monterey second homeowners.

The Town and the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District will sponsor a furniture/ bulky waste collection at the Monterey Transfer Station on the following dates:

Wednesday, July 9 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Saturday, July 12 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday, July 13 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Moratorium on Cellular Towers. Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Monterey will hold a public hearing under the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 5 to AMEND the Town of Monterey Zoning By-law for the purpose of enacting a six month MORATORIUM on the construction of Wireless Communications Facilities in the Town of Monterey. The public hearing will be held on Friday, June 6, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Monterey Town Hall/Grange Building #291, 435 Main Road, Monterey. A copy of the proposed amendments are on file in the office of the Town Clerk and can be viewed at the Monterey Town Hall.

SESQUICENTENNIAL SCHEDULE FINALIZED

The Sesquicentennial Summer Celebration has begun. The kickoff Memorial Day Parade opened the festivities. There is a month until the Veterans Memorial dedication on July Fourth weekend. The 150th Anniversary Birthday Party for this great-great-grand town of Monterey is in two months. For those of you who may have been away, or not followed the preparations and various reports, we would like to give you an overview of the Big Bash and the schedule. For those who have followed this column, you'll find the full schedule of events as they stand now.

The blowout party weekend will be on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd, right here in Monterey. The weekend before, on Saturday July 26th is the annual firemen's steak roast. The next week will be filled with preparations for the party, which will begin on Friday evening Aug. 1. The schedule of events is filling out, but surely more will be added. In order for people to make their plans and mark their calendars we wanted to give you the full schedule:

Friday evening, Aug. 1, 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo and pavilion:

Community old-fashioned picnic. Bring your own food, or you may buy food at the pavilion. Gould Farm and the Roadside store will deliver a full menu including their famous BBQ beef, chili, burgers and much more, made with their locally grown products. Musical entertainment at the gazebo.

8:00 p.m. Contra Dance, featuring Monterey's Mountain Laurel Band.

Saturday, Aug. 2, 9:00 a.m. in the Town Center:

Knox Trail Run, 9:00 children's run and 9:30 adult run.

Art Display by local artists in the Tea Room.

9:00-3:00 - Historical exhibit in the Knox Trail Museum, featuring historical maps, photos, etc., depicting the history of Monterey. Souvenirs will be available both in the Town Center and pavilion

11:00-4:00 Bidwell House, tours and clothing exhibit(admission charge).

The Monterey House Tour maps will be available at the Bidwell House at no charge. The tour will be self-guided, and include up to 30 historically interesting Monterey Houses and sites. The tour will not include the interiors of the houses. The map will include information about each site.

Afternoon at the gazebo, a schedule of events will be going on, including local reminiscing about Monterey, and possibly poetry readings and story telling.

Saturday Evening, Aug. 2, 7:00 p.m.:

150th Anniversary Ball will begin with a social hour until 8:00 when the Shea Swing Band will start to play, and the dancing begins. The affair will be catered and quite a gala. 8:00 p.m. A Rock Dance in the pavilion with the DJ Don Blanchard will begin. Food and soft drinks will be available.

Sunday Morning Aug. 3, 7:00 a.m. Community Pancake Breakfast will start and run until 11:00.

10:00 a.m. Interfaith Service at the Church. The service will be led by Pastor Keith Snow, who will explore Monterey's Meeting House heritage and utilize texts used by the first pastor of the congregation, The Rev. Adonijah Bidwell. Members of other faiths will al so participate. The musicians for the service will include Vikki True, Hill'n Dale Songsters, and Mari Makuc, organist.

In the Town Center various displays open on Saturday will reopen. Souvenirs will again be available. The Bidwell House will be open.

Sunday, 12:00 noon and again at 2:00, (tentatively scheduled for Rock Ridge) the Bigger Light Theater Company will present an original production of "Talking With Mercy". Based on the dairies and life of Mercy Partridge Whitney the granddaughter of Rev. Adonijah Bidwell. Mercy traveled with her husband to Hawaii to serve as missionaries, and the early chapters of James Mitchner's, "Hawaii" was based on these diaries.

Early Sunday fternoon at Lake Garfield there will be a tour of the lake on pontoon boats and other crafts.

Sunday Afternoon: Closing ceremonies at the pavilion (a surprise) with a big, big birthday cake.

The exciting schedule of events is ambitious. The Planning Committee and the various event organizers still need help and volunteers, so step forward and join us, our community, in the Sesquicentennial Birthday Party.

Ian Jenkins

MONTEREY ARTS AT THE 150TH

One of the many activities planned for the upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration, is an arts and crafts exhibit - Monterey Arts 150 - featuring the creative work of Monterey artists and crafts people. It will be held in the historic Tryon Tea Room on Saturday, August 2nd and Sunday, August 3rd from 10a.m. to 4p.m.

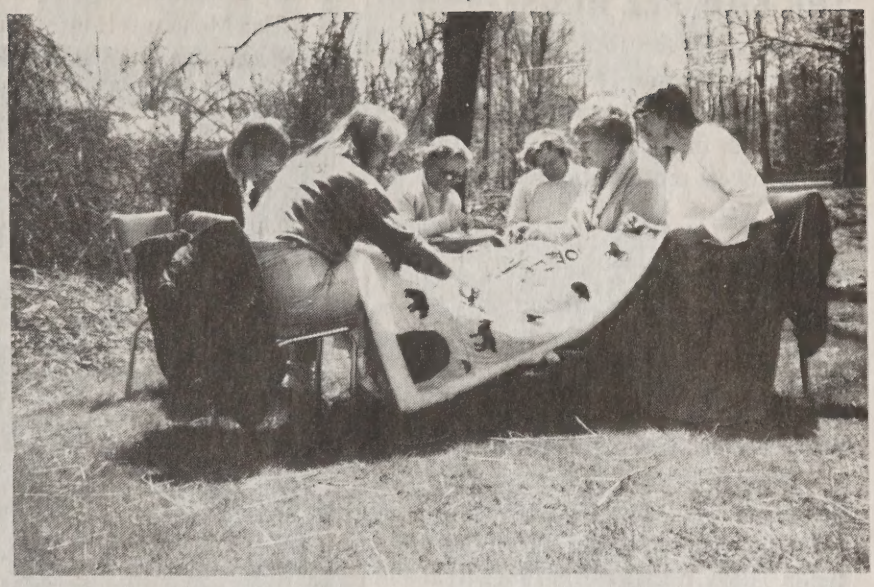
It is hoped that all Monterey artists and crafts people will submit two of their best pieces: paintings, prints, drawings, or other essentially two-dimensional works for inclusion in the show. The committee is especially interested in works that have a specific re lationship to Monterey and the surrounding Berkshire area. Crafts people should consider the organization of an attractive display and

are not limited as to number (within reason).

Works will be received in the Tea Room on Thursday, July 31 from 10a.m. to 5 p.m. In selecting your work for the show, please keep in mind that space is limited. All applications for participation must be received by the committee by June 15. To obtain an application call: Frank D'Amato - 528- 3723, Lois Ryder - 528-2548, or Pauline Nault - 528-5994.

ANTIQUE MACHINERY

There will be an outdoor display of antique farm and factory machinery, equipment, tools, implements, etc. during the 150th celebration on August 2nd and 3rd. Anyone wishing to display and/or demonstrate workable antique mechanical equipment is requested to contact Richard Tryon at 528-0728 by June 15 in order to make arrangements and provide assistance.



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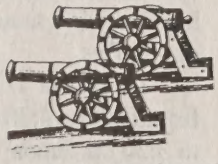

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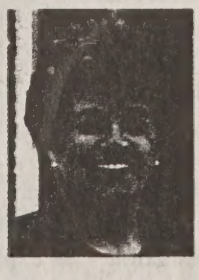

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CHRISTIE'S GREAT ESTATES

THE BIDWELL HOUSE

History is the focus this summer with the celebration of Monterey's 150th Anniversary. The Memorial Day Parade featured an historic contingent with a few marchers representing the Revolutionary War.

Given the fact that the famous Knox Trail runs through town, and was an important artery for the War of Independence, The Bidwell House thought it fitting to host an 18th Century Encampment on the grounds of the museum on Saturday June 21 and Sunday June 22.

During that war, if possible, the families of the soldiers would accompany them and set up camp sites near the battle fields. Today, renacters from the Department of American Revolutionary War Interpretation study and recreate this scene from our history.

The Bidwell House Encampment will feature the 25th Continental Regiment representing the "Blue Coats", His Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot and Peter's Corps (The Queen's Loyal Rangers) representing the British army, and Leib Regiment representing the Hessian Grenadiers. Dressed in authentically reproduced clothing and accoutrements, right down to the tents and cooking equipment, approximately 50 men, women, and children will camp all weekend on The Bidwell House property. There will be 17 wedge tents, 6 wall tents and 4 dining flys.

This event will be open to the public from 11:00 to 4:30 on Saturday and 11:00 to 3:30 on Sunday. Admission is $3 for Adults, $1 for children, and a discount for museum members. We ask that you do not bring any pets to the event.

The schedule is as follows;

Saturday, June 21:

11:00 am - Opening Formation - Presentation of Colors, on going camp demonstrations

12:00 pm - Lunch for interpreters

1:00 pm - American Drill Demonstration - narrated

2:00 pm - Uniform & Clothing Presentation - an explanation of uniforms and women's and children's clothing

2:45 pm - Safety Inspection - both camps

Bidwell House 18th Century Encampment June 21 &22: representatives from the 25th Continental Regiment and His Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot.

3:00 pm - Battle Skirmish - narrated

4:30 pm - Closing Ceremony

5:00 pm - Camps Closed

Sunday, June 22:

11:00 am - Camps Open - Presentation of Colors, on-going camp demonstrations

12:00 pm - Lunch for interpreters

1:00 pm - Drill Demonstrations, American & British - narrated

2:00 pm - Battle Skirmish

3:30 pm - Camps Closed

This will be a truly spectacular event not to be missed so be sure to mark it on your calendar. Cameras are welcome.

For more information call 528-6888.

Anita Carroll-Weldon

SCHOOL NEWS

The Afterschool Enrichment Program is presenting F.A.C.T. - First Aid for Children Today. Set up by the American Red Cross and taught by Marsha Harvey, the program teaches children to be aware of health and safety issues. The New Marlborough Volunteer First Responders have generously underwritten the cost of the program.

May 9th was Community Reading Day. The morning started with a RIF distribution by Debbie O'Brien. RIF (Reading is Fundamental) is a program underwritten by federal funds, Kiwanis and the PTA. Several times a year Debbie brings in cartons of new books from

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which children may choose one to keep. This year's CRD had a musical theme.

Readers (& musicians) were David Grover playing guitar/reading Pecos Bill, Marsha Harvey playing flute and reading the Fairy Flute Song, Naomi Bernstein-guitar/The Cat Came Back and Chicken So up With Rice, Dale Duryea - Native American music/Red Bird, Edward Pine read from Isaac Bashevis Singers' Stories for Children, and Fools of Chelm and the Stupid Carp, Lucy Bardo played the cello/read The Tale of Two Bad Mice, Sanjiban Sellew played African music and told a story about his days at NMC, David Johnson read about Beethoven and gave an all-school piano concert. In Monterey, David McAllester presented a Native American program.

Thank you Nancy Crawford for being my eyes and ears this year.

One last musical note - Alan Lampman, elementary music teacher in our schools for the last 35 years is retiring. As a parting tribute, Mr. Lampman was asked to conduct the combined high school and Undermountain bands and, a la Mr. Holland's Opus, a sprinkling of former students - NMC's Kelly Wilkinson for one playing the flute. At the conclusion of the festivities, for all the lives he touched with his own sound of music, Mr. Lampman received a standing ovation. Bravo, Mr. Lampman, bravo.

Debbie Mielke

Lucy Bardo performs for students at New Marlborough Central on Community Reading Day (photo by Nancy Crawford)

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BIDWELL DESCENDANTS CHRISTENED IN MEETING HOUSE

Ninth generation descendants of Adonijah Bidwell, the first minister to serve in Monterey, were baptized April 27 at the Monterey United Church of Christ.

Eric and Ryan Lentz, twin sons of Linda and Garry, who were married in the church in 1989, are the grandchildren of Judy and Arnold Hayes of Tyringham Road. Judy is the great-great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of Rev. Bidwell, who was called to Monterey in 1750.

Judy's daughters, Linda and Karen attended Mt. Everett Regional High school, but currently reside out of state. Linda wanted all of her children baptized in the church (Jesse, 5 was baptized here in 1991).

Rev. Adonijah Bidwell's tenure in Monterey was beset by financial difficulty and upheaval - he had to sue for unpaid wages at one point. But he came from a wealthy Hartford family, and his children and grandchildren prospered in the area.

His son Adonijah Jr., born in 1761, served in the military and was a representative from Tyringham when Monterey was still a part of it. Adonijah Jr.'s son, Barnabus, was served in politics as well, as a Senator.

Marshall Spring Bidwell, Barnabus' son, born in 1796, was a merchant and a farmer, and greatly expanded his family's holdings in Monterey. His trip to Holland brought back the first Holstein cattle into this part of the country. At some point he owned 85 percent of Monterey's land, according to Hayes, some of which was given in lieu of payment for the legal services provided by Barnabus.

Judy's grandfather, Orlando Curtiss Bidwell was born in Monterey in 1862, and became a lawyer, a state representative and a judge, based in Great Barrington.

Judy's mother, Helen Bidwell Shaw, taught physical education in all of the area's school houses and later at Mt. Everett. Judy left the area for college and returned with Arnold in 1977, after spending some of her married life in New Jersey. It was Arnold's idea. "He fell in love with Monterey."

l-r Arnold Hayes, Gary Lentz holding Ryan, Judy Hayes, Linda Lentz holding Eric, Keith Snow. Jesse Lentz and Karen Traynor in front. (photo by Laura Gaccione)

Judy now lives in the home of her aunt Margaret Bidwell White. White (the family historian who has traced the family lineage back to William the Conqueror) was active in Democratic politics for many years. Her brother, Marshall Spring Bidwell, became a nationally known organist, based in Pittsburgh.

Judy participated in Monterey's 100 Anniversary celebration and remembers being on a float next to one of the cows descended from the original Holsteins! How's that for tradition....

Judy's childhood was spent ferrying between Great Barrington in the winter months, where her father worked, and summers in Monterey. "It used to take hours to make the trip from Great Barrington in the old cars. You didn't go more than twenty miles per hour - at least that's how I remember it. You had to take a lunch! The roads were terrible," Judy said.

The twins will be the newest addition to the Bidwell clan when they meet at their annual reunion, to be held near Niagara Falls at the end of the month.

Laura Gaccione

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ENCOUNTERING GOD

One of the introductory remarks to the audio tape version of the Bill Moyers discussion series on Genesis says, "Religion may be at its best when it asks questions." I'm reminded of the statement many times during our weekly discussions on Monday evenings in the church basement.

We're reading *Encountering God* by Diana Eck, professor of comparative religion and Indian studies at Harvard. Our meetings are raising lots of questions for all of us. Diana Eck is describing how a pluralistic view of the religions of the world can challenge, change and deepen faith.

Religious traditions, she says, are like rivers which flow and change and may even change course and move into new territory. The origin of the rivers is the same source known by differing names. As we learn how faith is experienced in other traditions, our own experiences are expanded. We learn through our questions.

The Monday evening group is our own small microcosm of diversity. I've wondered if the openness of the group reflects the atmosphere of the church community itself these days. There seems to be a remarkable support for each person's viewpoint and lots of room for questions. Diana Eck discusses how attitudes of exclusiveness, inclusiveness, and pluralism address our interdependency on a global level.

We need a commitment to dialogue if we are to clarify our differences and reach acceptance. Only then do we move to the concept of belonging to a "we". Every tradition has its own definition of "we". Small communities like Monterey and small churches have opportunities to explore differences while daily contact reminds us that we are still part of a larger whole.

Sally Emmel

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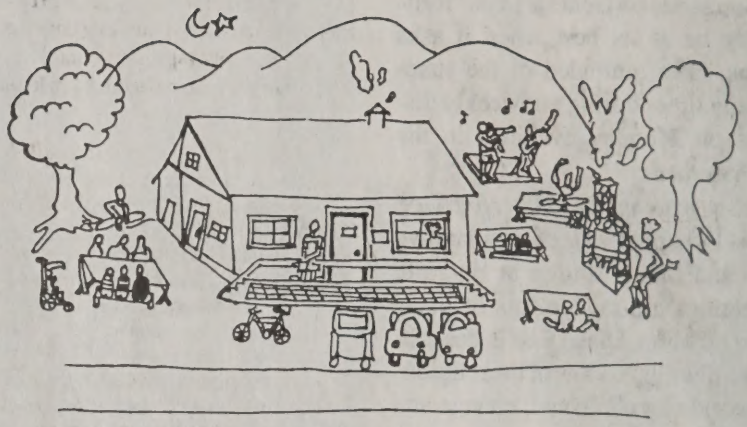

The front page of the New York Times recently reported that "Employers (have been) Told To Accomodate the Mentally Ill" (April 30, 1997). The guidance, issued by the federal government, is intended to clarify the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Until now, proponents of this act have almost exclusively focused on physical disabilities. This broader definition of "accomodation" is good news for people living with depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and other illnesses. It seems that the goverment recognizes–at least legally–the important contributions of people with mental illness in the marketplace, despite the fact that the marketplace has traditionally not tolerated their symptoms.

This legislative effort is appreciated and certainly a good start. However, tolerance is not easily learned, let alone legislated. Respectful accomodation of individuals with mental illnesses requires lots and lots of practice. To expect the typical dollar-driven employer to turn around tomorrow and understand the needs of, say, an employee hearing voices, is just as unrealistic as expecting that same employee to stick to a job in an atmosphere of intolerance and misunderstanding. It has always been a viscious circle.

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Once I tooksome mints
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Because they had germs
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Why are you laying on a rock
Why do you bend so far
That your nose
Touches your tail

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I Know A Place

I know a place that' s far away from the world
It is a castle far up in the sky on a cloud
There are thousands of gardens around the castle
There are pretty flowers in the garden
The gardens are so pretty and quiet
There are ponds and there are birds in the trees

Dinah Mielke

The Horse and The Lake

The horse drinks in the lake
On a hot day

A hill goes to the forest

The wild horse is a stallion
He goes to the forest

Emmy Shaw

I Wish I had a Horse

I wish I had a horse
I would like it to bring me
To the other secret place

Would you like to go
To the secret place with me

It is cool
Come on with me

Jamie Bassett

Bad Days

When you have a bad day
Of course
You're not having a good day
In your mind
You feel so disgusted
When you finally get interrupted
Then I get mad I also get sad
Because when I think
About a happy, peaceful place
I think of being in a big colourful room
Just forgetting everybody, everything
That's being annoying
Everytime I have a bad day
I don't let anyone in my way
When I'm in the room I dream forever

Alex Kelley

The Pond

The pond is windy
The pond has ripples
The pond has tall grass
That blows in the wind
Rubs together
Makes a scratching sound
It has ducks that swim around
Little Waves that lap
Against the rocks.
The sun is shining on the water
It is very peaceful
I am sitting on a big rock
The rock is warm from the sun
I take off my shoes

Christina Gregor

The Goldfish

Why do you die so soon?
How come you picked the water?
Why are you so timid?
How come your scales are so pretty? How do you like the bowl?
Where do you get your bubbles?
How did you get here?

Because I get sick
It suits me
Something may drop on me
The sunrays hit me
Its like a prison cell
That happens when I breath out
My ancestors evolved into many

Tess Hardcastle

Why is hair so hairy?
How do you get so curly?
How do you get so straight?
And dirty
Why do you turn grey?
Why do you fall out?
Our long lost friend
When you get cut off
When you are on the floor
It is a tragedy

Lindy Ann Marcel

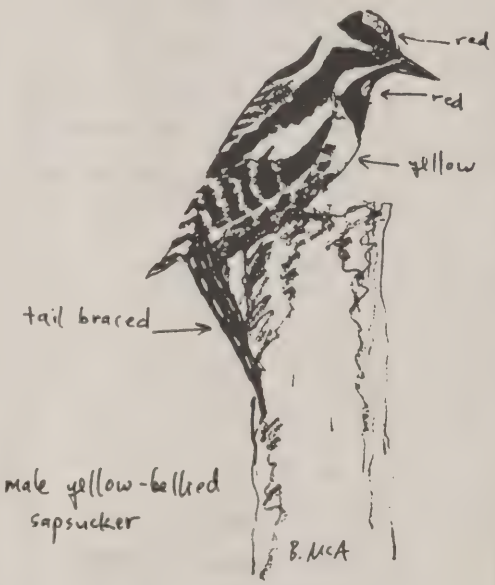
LATE SEASON MAPLER: THE SAPSUCKERS

Sugaring is over for us this year. When people ask me what kind of season we had, I say, "We did real well, considering." I can go on to explain that the sap was good and sweet, but we didn't have much dry wood put up and ready this year. Things went well in the sugarhouse, with good help from our kids and others, and nice visits with old friends and neighbors. Unfortunately we weren't actually in the sugarhouse all that much because there were three weeks in March so cold the sap couldn't run. Then before we knew it, April was here. It was full of snow, but the trees knew it was spring and the sap turned cloudy or "buddy," and we shut down.

I put in some time in the bottling department, filling orders, and now the operation is all cleaned up and packed away except for a hundred buckets stacked in the woodshed waiting to be washed. Cleaning up after sugaring is one of those low-motivation jobs, like cleaning up after anything, I guess. Back in February when the weather got warm we were dashing around drilling holes and licking the fresh sap off the spiles, dreaming of fancy light syrup and the weeks to come in the Yankee Steambath, tending the evaporator. It's our local, home-grown aroma therapy: people come to visit and walk into the sweet steam with smiles. Their cheeks turn pink, their sweaters get stuck up with bits of bark, and they don't want to leave.

Somehow clean-up doesn't pack the same allure. No one comes to visit--I can barely get out there myself to take down the buckets. I'd much rather be digging compost into the garden, putting in peas and onions, looking toward the next seasonal thrill. If it weren't for the embarrassment I feel at having my buckets still hanging in the neighbors' yards, kind of cockeyed, I don't know when I'd get to them. As it is, I'm a little haunted by the thought of my neighbors taking a peek in the buckets on their lawns and finding a few moths floating around in a little fermenting old sap. So I muster my children and head out there, on a day that would be perfect for any number of other things.

Cora takes down the buckets and lids, dumps the lingering yucko on the ground and carries the empties to the truck. I go along with the hammer and knock out the spiles. It's warm and sunny but the holes are dry now. Either there's no sap running or the wood has healed up in where we drilled six weeks ago. I come to a twin maple in the middle of my neighbor's lawn, one which has been a great producer all these years. I'm bumping the steel spile this way and that when I suddenly notice the tree is sopping wet! I look up and see it glistening from a place about two feet above my head, and above that the trunk is dry. T



hen I notice there are bits of bark and fresh little chips on the ground. It's as if someone about eight feet tall has gotten started a month late and just tapped this tree.

I am thinking this over and then I hear him drumming. It turns out he is a male yellow-bellied sapsucker, recently back from warmer wintering grounds. He has made a neat horizontal row of four little holes (not all that little-- 1/4 inch across), and now he is at the top of a utility pole by the road, banging out a challenge to another guy across our pasture on a dead tree.

When sapsuckers are tapping the sugar maples, they go, "Sock.....sock.....sock.....sock." When they are sending messages they find someplace resonant, such as a metal road sign or gutter or stovepipe, and go, "Bang-bang-bang-bang-bang-bang--bang----bang----bang--------bang--------bang!" They also have a voice which goes, "EEEEK!" or "SQUEAL!"

These birds are about 8 inches tall, with bright red crowns and throats. Otherwise they look much like our black and white downy and hairy woodpeckers. But you won't see them at the suet feeder. They prefer sweets-- like maple sugar. I read an account of a sapsucker visiting his taps in a maple grove. He had made several rows of holes and would start low on a tree, sipping sap with his special tongue (it has a brush-like tip). He would work his way up, then flip off backwards and come up against the trunk of another tree without ever having to flap his wings. He would make his way up this one, drinking at every hole, then throw himself off backwards to loop around to the next.

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From the roads. The meadows are green and full of dandelions; the roadsides are still gold with coltsfoot, our first-to-bloom and still the most abundant flower; bloodroot and trillium can be seen on dry road-banks and on into the woods: the white stars of the former are most abundant here-abouts on both sides of the Tyringham main road just south of where Monterey's two Tyringham Roads come together. Our red trilliums (wake robins) are blooming now; the "painted" ones will come later with white flowers and crimson veining at the base of each petal.

The woods. That haze of swelling buds is in the treetops all over the hills, and small leaves are out in the riverbottoms. The red maples and poplars have finished blooming and the chartreuse of sugar maple blooms is soon to come.

Three early springs. Beryl and I had a few days in Albuquerque recently (fruit trees and cottonwoods in bloom), the West Coast (the bright yellow of California poppies, delphiniums, blueflags, the coastal hills as green as Ireland), and Denver (springtime in the Rockies, and whole streets of healthy elmtrees in bud, as yet little touched by the blight that wiped out all but a few New England elms from 1930s-1960s). We were afraid we might miss some of the Monterey spring, but it was still just thinking of getting started when we got back the end of April.

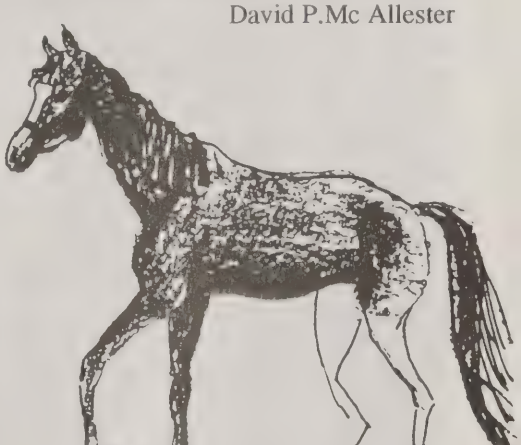
Annette and Paul Hagen wrote, April 6: "While enjoying our cottage visit on Easter weekend at Lake Buel (Hebert's Cove), we were amazed to see an American Woodcock scurrying across our road towards the lagoon. Our next great enjoyment was the frolicking of a flock of Common Mergansers. They were so beautiful in the lake and a great source of entertainment for our two little nieces, who were visiting."

Sally Emmel sighted a black bear on the Sandisfield Road, near the Thomson farm, April 26th. Our acquaintanceship with bears still flourishes at the birdfeeder. On Beartown Road the Old's bear was back April 21st for a leisurely visit. Emily videotaped him, lying on the ruins of the feeder and also when he was up and walking around. Mary Brock's bear came on Hunger Mt. Road April 23 and again in early May. Both times she shooed him away by banging on a resonant tin pan.

Early Spring Birds. Around the east end of Hupi Rd., Joe Baker has seen, or heard: *cow bird*, April 15, a *white throat*, 19th, *sapsucker*, 20th, *water thrush*, and *hermit thrush*, 23rd, *yellow-rumped warbler*, 24th, *broadwinged hawk* 26th, *rose breasted grosbeak*, May 4th, *wood thrush*, the 7th, *ovenbird*, 9th, *black and white warbler* and *towhee*, 11th, *black-throated green warbler*, 12th, *veery and yellow-throat*, 13th. Mary Brock has seen many of these on Mt. Hunger Rd., and adds an *indigo bunting* to the list, May 12 and 13. Dick Tr yon and Henry George Wolfer have seen a *rose-breasted grosbeak* at Lowland Farm, and Dick reports that his *barn swallows* are back by the score. "I'm always glad to see them because they gobble up the mosquitos here." He says that all you have to do for the same protection is build an old barn. A *hummingbird* looked in David McAllester's kitchen window, May 12, and *phoebes* are nesting all over to wn. **Early Spring Flowers.** Most dramatic in the woods, as of May 15, are the broad, green, upthrusting hellebore leaves, a foot and a ha lf tall, already, the ozymundia fiddleheads, a foot high and still tightly curled, the white shadbush and wild cherry blooms, and th e creamy umbels of the hobble bush. Trailing arbutus is blooming alongside woodland trails, the pale blue of bluets lies like rifts of snow on the fields, wild lilies of the valley have unrolled their green carpet and some buds of their fragrant flower are showing . White, yellow, and two shades of blue violets, are out; the small blue trumpets of Gill-over-the-ground are mingled with the rapid ly growing grass of moist meadow places.

Dale Duryea reports that around May 7 the wild turkeys were back at Gould Farm: 6 hens and two posturing gobblers, trying to attract the ladies' attention. There are six deer making frequent appearances in his field, and beavers are raising heck, everywhere. Bob Curtiss told Dale, May 13, that he saw a very skinny, unkempt-looking coyote recently, in the Corashire neighborhood. Black flies. While we are enduring a bumper crop of black flies, all our insect-eating birds are swooping around enjoying them to t he full. Rabies alert: Dale says that as the raccoon population recovers its numbers, more cases of rabies have been noted. There was one recently in Great Barrington. Be wary of approaching any animal that is looking sick or acting dazed.

David P.Mc Allester



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How many of you who are subscribers to the Monterey News have read with as much interest as I the remarkably detailed series of articles about the Monterey meetinghouse, the town, its history and its people? We owe a debt of gratitude to Kathy Wasiuk and Delight D Dodyk for their careful and well documented research gleaned from both oral and archival sources.

And we also need to thank Peter Murkett for the inspiration to consider exploring this facet of Monterey's life.

Several years ago it became apparent to me, as a trustee of the Monterey Church, that the evidence of structural decay of our much lo loved meeting house was outstripping the ability of its worshipping community to pay for repairs to the building, some previously unnoticed, others known but delayed year by year for lack of funds.

Our awareness was truly triggered the day in 1992 when it was discovered there was major damage to the beams supporting the belfry, including those holding the bell carriage. For safety, the bell has been silent since then.

What should we do? We could wait and hope that nothing serious will develop. Or we could face the issue and rather than patch, we could repair in a way that truly preserves the architectural integrity of the building.

Knowing that the cost exceeded the ability of the congregation to fund, we asked key members of the larger community for advice. Repeatedly the answer we got was that Monterey citizens would understand and support a campaign to preserve the building, and would realize that the meeting house, old and old fashioned as it is, adds materially to the visual appearance of the town as well as playing a significant function as home to many civic activities and is therefore a big asset to the whole community.

We're about to test that proposition. In the next month or two, as our campaign begins. We hope that each of you will respond generously, in accordance to your means, and with an understanding of the importance of the task.

Other structural problems involve repair to the roof, gutter system and foundation. High on the list is our desire to make both levels of the building accessible to the elderly and handicapped. Initial estimates show that the cost of the most important repair and renovation will come to approximately $134,000. However, to maintain the building in good condition, the steering committee recommended that an additional amount be set aside as endowment to provide for future maintenance needs, raising the total goal for the fund to $209,000.

The Monterey Meetinghouse Fund will be managed through the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. Memorial gifts are possible. Donations to the fund may be extended through the course of three years if desired, may be made in other forms than cash, and are tax deductable to the extent allowable by law.

We ask that pledges and gifts be sent to the Monterey Meeting House Fund, P.O. Box 182, Monterey, MA 01245. For further information or if we have missed you in our mailing, please call either Kathy Wasiuk (413) 528-3283 or Bob Emmel 528-1321.

We will be very grateful for all your gifts to this important goal designed to keep Monterey's meeting house and the various activities it shelters alive. Your donations will indeed be saving Monterey's Past for the Future.

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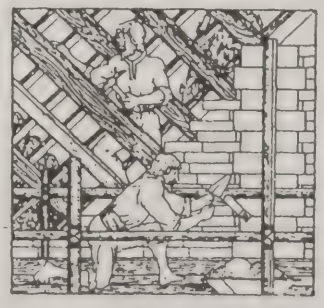

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Kudos to Eleanor Kimberly! Two of Eleanor's slides have been selected for inclusion in the Greater Lynn International Color Slide Salon. One is of two kittens in a basket titled 'Twins', and the other, "The Golden Age", portrays an elderly woman reading the Bible.

It's graduation time! Our hearty congratulations to all of the following: Marta Makuc, daughter of Henry and Anne Marie Makuc of Main Rd., graduated from Providence College on May 18. Elysha Green, daughter of Gerry and Barbara Green of Beartown Mt. Rd., graduation from Smith College, also on May 18.

Nine Monterey students received diplomas from Mt. Everett Regional in Sheffield in ceremonies held at Tanglewood on May 31. They are Shaylan Burkhart, Thomas Goewey, Jaclyn Hinchliffe, Joseph Kopetchny, Kathryn Kopetchny, Jeffrey Pilot, Jason Simms, Jared Thomson and Noah Wright.

Monument Mountain Regional School in Gt. Barrington held commencement exercises at Tanglewood on June 1. Monterey graduates include Morgan Clawson, Micah Leining and William 'Mike' Mielke. Hats off to all of you! And please let us know your plans. It's a small town thing - we don't want to lose track of any of you!

Monument Mountain and Searles in Gt. Barrington have announced their honor roll for the third quarter marking period. In grade twelve William 'Mike' Mielke achieved High Honors and Morgan Clawson earned Honors. In grade eleven Bethany Sadlowski earned High Honors as did Gabriel Schulze and David Shea in Grade ten. At Searles Middle School Maggie Clawson and Lauren Goldfinger achieved High Honors and Mariah Rutherferd-Olds made Honors. Great job all of you - Keep up the good work!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to Deirdre Higgins on May 22, to Todd Bynack on June 8, to Kay Pratt on June 13, to Michael Bynack and John Higgins on June 16, to Sandy Gottlieb on June 18, to Christopher Blair and Pam Gauthier on June 19, to Jane Thorn on June 23, to Eileen Clawson and Colm Higgins on

Photographer Eleanor Kimberly (l) with Mary Ward

A baby robin, by Eleanor Kimberly

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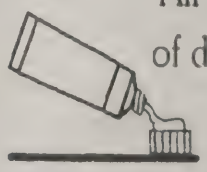

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June 28, to Nadia Westenberg on June 29, and to Grace Mendel on June 30. And, Happy Anniversary wishes to John and Stella Hogan on June 8, to Dean and Fran Amidon on June 18, to Sandy and Rita Gottlieb on June 21, to Phebe and Kyle Wing on June 23 and to Terry and Joan Wing on June 29. It's great to have Arthur and Alice Somers back in the environs after "a good winter in Florida."

Just after returning Maj. U.S.M.C. R. Arthur Somers and Alice hosted a mini reunion (the 55th!) of the Marine Dive Bomber Squadron VNSB243, known as "The Flying Goldbricks." Fellow retired U.S. Marine Corps. pilots who attended (with their wives) were Lt. Gen. Lou Conti from Chicago, Col. M.L. "Spider" Webb from Magnolia, Mississippi, and Maj. Morten Slavin from Marblehead, MA. These retired pilots served together in the South Pacific in 1942-1944! We all know what a wonderful storyteller Arthur is - can't wait to hear more about this special event!

Beginning with the July issue of the Monterey News all news items, birthday greetings, etc. should be sent to our new Personal Notes Editor Ann Higgins, P.O. Box 351, Monterey. Or, you can give Ann a call at 528-6691. Ann looks forward to hearing from you, and Stephanie so looks forward to reading the "Notes" each month! So keep the news items coming! Thanks in advance!

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BREAKFAST WITH A NUCLEAR REACTOR: MEDITATIONS ON ENERGY

Nestled at the bottom of a mountain in Rowe, MA, surrounded by incredible natural beauty, the 365 ton engine of the decomissioned Yankee Rowe facility was driven through large steel gates, and, at one mph, crossed a specially reconstructed bridge over the Deerfield River. It was on its way to a wide-load car on a train that would take its low-level radioactive waste to a burial plot in Barnwell, South Carolina.

I had every reason not to go, but curiosity got the best of me. I watched the sun rise over the eastern summit in Florida, MA on Sunday, April 27, and wound down the mountain in the dark, thinking that the directions from my bureau chief about going down the last stretch in a low gear were understated.

The people who work there are trusting. I stood 10 yards from the reactor core vessel, a large cannister laying on its side, with a ""Project Green Field - Safe from Start to Finish" logo on either end.

The employees told me - with straight faces, and no protective gear - how the decommissioning was 70 percent complete, and would be finished by the end of the year. They were safely "completing the cycle of nuclear energy." They also told me what a great employer Yankee Rowe had been.

I asked about the high-level waste. The reactor core was low level from having been the container for the nuclear reactions that generate the energy, but what about the really "hot" stuff? It was on site, I was told, in something called "spent-fuel pools." When the fuel rods wear out, they get dumped in a protected area, and sit there, waiting ten thousand years ~~for~~ to decontaminate.

I was told that the solution for this, and the way to return the site to it's previous condition (green field) was for the federal government to decide on one national site for all of this toxicity (God bless the neighbors) so that the fuel could be removed. But even if the government could figure out a place to dump it, how will they transport *that* stuff? What kind of invincible structure (a brochure featured the pyramids) will prevent theft, terrorism and earth changes from releasing the potent brew on an unsuspecting populace - wherever it goes?

I was told that the amount of my exposure (ten feet away) was about what I would experience in a cross-country airplane trip (proximity to the sun). The PR person was herself going to accompany the reactor vessel in a passanger car attached to the train, along with engineers and radiation specialists. She wasn't worried.

Protesters said that the reactor core should stay put for thirty-five years to be at an acceptable level for transport.

Engineers from a Connecticut plant soon to be decommissioned were on site to observe the proceedings. I asked them why the plants were being decommissioned. Had the protest movement had some impact?

"It's too expensive," I was told. The American government works too slowly in making decisions, holding up business plans, was the jist of it. "Undone by democracy?" I suggested. "Yes," answered a man in a blue turban. He told me that developing countries have no such problem, and nowhere near the kind of resources that America has, and that, as a result, nuclear power was the most attractive option for them. "I grew up in India until I was 18. I know what it is like to live without energy," he told me. "Now that more and more people want refrigerators and TVs it has to come from somewhere..."

I thought about the college educations that had been made possible for the rural communities who worked at Yankee Rowe for years. I thought about people in other countries wanting the convenience of a refrigerator. I thought about the fish in the Deerfield River, and wondered if the fishermen I saw were taking an awful risk in eating the catch. A friend's son had gone to a camp in Rowe, and years later developed Hodgkin's disease. She had immediately questioned a connection.

I left the site, in awe of the technology - awe, defined by Miriam Webster as "an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder."

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ON THE WAR PATH

The war club in the drawing is on display at the Native American museum at Harvard Mass. This club is carved out of a single piece of maple, weighs a pound and a half, is two feet long, with tiny rows of Wampum chips in-laid on each side of the handle.

This ancient artifact is more than 300 years old, and in today's antique market has a value of $150,000. It is believed to have belonged to Metacomet, the Wampanoag war chief who led tribal nations on a war path to drive the English out of New England. Better described as a series of bloody frontier skirmishes, they went down in history as "King Philip's War."

"King Philip" was a royal title given to Metacomet by the Pilgrims, as a native son of Massasoit, the benevolent chief who had befriended the fragile new settlement at Plymouth. After surviving the first winter, the Pilgrims invited Massasoit to the first Thanksgiving, and King James I of England sent him a sterling silver pipe in appreciation of his protection and support.

When King Philip became Chief, he bore the burden of his title in name only, and followed in his father's foot-steps to maintain good relations with the new arrivals to his country. However by 1675, Wampanoag hunting grounds were overrun with settlers, and mounting un-resolved Indian grievances led to his declaration of war.

The offensive that followed brought Philip through this part of the country along the Indian trail known as "Big Path," in an effort to get support from the tribal nations living in the Housatonic and Hudson river valleys. As Philip and some 600 warriors threaded their way through the hills to cross the Housatonic, they had already burned a number of villages, but fortunately they found no settlers here at that time. Their presence was tolerated by the local Mohicans, but the Mohicans knew better than to take part in his strong arm tactics, and they refused to join his failing cause.

Philip was forced further west into what is now New York State, hoping to enjoin the Mohawks of the mighty Iroquois federation. Instead they attacked his camp with such a devastating blow to be a turning point ultimate defeat and death in June of 1676. A few months after he was shot by an Indian guide to colonial militia, his few remaining belongings turned up in possession of India ns friendly with his assassin, including the war club.

The in-laid wampum chips give it a regal ceremonial bearing, befitting a powerful leader, but even today, close examination of the ball reveals bruises sustained in heavy duty as a lethal weapon in mortal combat. The handle seems to have been carved for a firmer grip, more elaborate than other wooden clubs of that period.

It turns out that Philip as a young man had maimed his fingers when a faulty antique pistol had exploded in his hand. Just as the crown heads of England and France would roll when the tides of fortune turned against them, the head of the son of the great chief Massasoit, friend of the Pilgrims, was placed on a pole of the Plymouth stockade. His disfigured hand was also severed, and preserved by his assassins as proof that King Philip's war was over.

A few months later, in August of 1676, a band of Indians that included remnants of Philip's followers was chased through this part of the country by colonial militia under the command of Major John Talcott. He caught up with them crossing the ford of the Housatonic at the site now marked by the stone monument at the foot of Bridge St. in Great Barrington, and he dispersed their numbers. That was the end of the war path.

History traveled this route again in the winter of 1775/76, a hundred years later. The Mohicans in this area witnessed the incredible journey of General Knox dragging heavy artillery over the snow from Ft. Ticonderoga to help General Washington drive the British out of Boston harbor.

Although the Mohicans were generally inclined to pass the peace-pipe around the council fires, they may have been impressed by this extraordinary overland military maneuver and elected to fight on the side of the colonists against England. They subsequently took to the war path toward Boston to join in the battle, a path that would be put on the map as The Knox Trail. (Route 23 from Great Barrington through Monterey and Otis)

When, on July 4 later that year, the Colonies declared their independence from Great Britain, with an otherwise masterful stroke of Jefferson's brilliant penmanship, endowing all men with inalienable rights, this did not include Indians or anyone else who did not own property.

After another hundred years, this omission was still in contention in the far West, as tribal nations whose land holdings were substantial tried to defend their birth-rights. In 1876 the battle of the Little Big Horn only temporarily stemmed the tide of transgression.

Not until 1976 with the culmination of the American Indian Movement did congress vote to pay one hundred and fifty million dollars to the tribal descendants of this conflict for property taken from them without due process of law.

Congress has since passed a REPATRIATIONS ACT, declaring that Native American artifacts must be returned to descendants of tribes of the artifact's origin. This may prove to be a difficult but honorable process.

King Philip's war club remains as a symbol of a clash of cultures on a war path that finally extended across the entire country. Brave people on both sides fought and died in a struggle that still has repercussions to this very day. They are of a social, moral, and legal nature, but perhaps the most overlooked is environmental.

Article and Drawing by George Emmons

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

By Jove, It's Good To Be Alive!

It's a specially nice morning, with my dimunitive dog, 3-pound Miss Katy on my lap as I type (loving the swing of my movable chair), looking across the orange geraniums on the table that boasts pictures of my two babies and a picture of me, 16, being taken into the Blackfoot Indian Tribal in Glacier Park in Montana. (They named me "Dawn Mist"...I have a chamois paper that says that. I had to smoke THAT pipe!)

Outside, the burning sun is coming up, coloring the gardenia bush outside my window, with its hundreds of buds, all ready to burst into bloom. It's going to be 80 again today, with cooling winds, first from the west, then the east. Tonight it will be cool enough to light a fire. What a day! By JOVE it's good to be alive! A second chance to live.

At the end of 3 weeks, recovering from a new lovely painless new hip, with one more week untill would be to be able to DRIVE! I was working on my book, when great friend Celeste and a friend came by. "Give me 2 minutes" I said, and in haste I reached for my bottle of water. It was next to the bottle, same size, same white color, but it was LAMP-OIL! and took a big gulp.

I had time to call out, "Get 911!" and raced to wash out my "on fire" throat & mouth. My friends called 911, the Poison Station, my son, my two doctors who had been treating me in the hospital, my Unity minister. Twenty minutes later my four dogs saw me being hoisted over the bushes on the back deck. I always say to them, "I will be right back!" I did that.

Using my Yoga, I panted like a dog (I learned to do that when I was a dancer for 30 years.) Between breaths I could talk. And talk I did. The driver radioed the hospital, "We have an old lady here, with 1/2 cup of lamp-oil in her...I don't think we can make..." His voice trailed off, but this "feeble" old lady, lying on the stretcher, hand in Celeste's hand, said "I'm NOT going to die!" For 3 hours I did Yoga, fighting to live. I said "GOD, you're not going to get me tonight...I have things to do. YOU know that!"

I had a ready-make audience (like my years of acting on stage). Zillions of people waiting at the hospital. Not my two doctors! Due to the Yoga, I could produce what I had inside. A chorus yelled "She's going to live. A miracle!" (Just breathing in and out!) I was out of things for the next 12 hours. Another month in the hospital! I have pages and pages of notes, on the funny and sad things on my days in the hospital.

I have 3 months of bills unopened... Credit card companies call me every day. I don't answer...listen to them later on my tape. Who cares about paying bills...I want to work in my garden.

My two Yorkies are going to be mothers on June 23...after that I'm going to leave...with all the dogs for my 60th High School reunion in Montana. A year in the West...lots of time in Mexico. That's something I have time to plan...not bills. In my hours of exercise for my new hip I lost 20 pounds! You should see me...I look 19 (almost). I can wear things I couldn't struggle into, for the last 15 years. I look good. I feel good. Instead I could be 6 feet under...but I am alive.

This week I can DRIVE! I went from walker to crutches to a cane. I do nicely on that...feet still swell up, when I walk a lot...in my bed, feet up high, I eat, sleep, read, write, entertain friends and sort unopened bills, use my portable phone, talk to my dogs, in bed with me, ALL in my bed. A nice place to be. You can't kill a lady who was born in Montana.

Joan Woodard Reed

GENERAL STORE AND MN FEATURED IN NATIONAL PUBLICATION

The Monterey General Store, the *Monterey News* and Monterey resident Sue Sellew were mentioned in the new journal *YES! A Journal of Positive Futures* , published in the Seattle area. The General Store still uses (rarely) a system of money credits, developed by local residents a few years ago to circumvent the money economy and create community by sharing goods and services through a local "currency."

The entire issue of the journal was devoted to alternatives to the current financial system world-wide, locally and nationally, and stressed the importance of supporting local business. The idea of wealth- redefined as well-being - health, getting one's needs met within the context of a supportive community of family, friends and the larger community - was contrasted with the accumulation of money, which, in these hectic, downsizing two-parent-working-with-no-time-for friends-or-family times, not only does not buy you love, but makes people sick and tired.

A photograph taken by Stockbridge photographer Clemens Calisher featured Monterey General Store money, a basket of products from the store and an issue of the *Monterey News.*

Sue Sellew was mentioned in connection with SHARE, a non-profit organization based in Great Barrington, which has experimented - successfully - with providing loans to small businesses using alternative criteria to traditional banks and lending institutions.

The publication's mission is to support the evolution of sustainable cultures and communities. It focuses on the creativity inherent in all of us, and the intersection of self, community and nature within an awareness of the sacredness of life.

The address for subscriptions is P.O. Box 10818, Bainbridge, Island, WA 98110.

Laura Gaccione

REP RAP

Again this year, I am the chief sponsor of the assault weapons ban in the House. I say again because I have been the primary supporter of this bill for the last five years. On May 14, 1997, I submitted testimony before the legislative Criminal Justice committee onthis year's version of the bill (H.2267). I am also a co-sponsor of the Senate version, S.148.

Both bills propose to outlaw 25 types of assault weapons in Massachusetts. The bill will include all weapon's banned under the curre nt federal law and will expand the list to include: AK-47s, Intratec TEC and TEC-DC9, Street Sweepers and Striker 12 revolving cylin der semi-automatic shotguns, Berretta AR07s, and the Israeli manufactured Uzi and Galil weapons. The House bill also includes mandat ory minimum sentences for offenses committed using a machine gun or rifle.

The bill passed in both the House and the Senate last year but died in committee at the last moment when a necessary conference comm ittee member neglected to show up for the hearings. This year, we have been assured that such political stumbling blocks will not oc cur. Furthermore, I have restored language lost in the compromise with the Senate last year.

The gun lobby, supported by the National Rifle Association and the Gun Owner's Action League, seems to be the most primary opponent of this legislation. As a registered gun owner myself, I am not out to take away someone's personal rights or outlaw all guns as the y would have you believe. True sportsmen do not need grenade launchers when they go into the woods, nor do they pack AK-47s to hunt little bunnies. These weapons are used to kill people and this legislation seeks to prevent that from happening. For anyone who woul d like to prove his manliness, I would suggest that instead of buying a Uzi, he buy a big car.

Last year I was successful in passing a law to close a deadly loophole in Massachusetts gun laws that allowed out-of-state residents to purchase weapons in Massachusetts following only their home state's less stringent FID regulations. The law now requires out-of- state residents to comply with the stricter Massachusetts gun law. I filed the bill following the incident at Simon's Rock College in Great Barrington where Wayne Lo, a Montana resident, killed two people and wounded four with an assault rifle purchased in Massach usetts using only his Montana identification.

I am sure that this bill will generate a lot of debate as it has in the past. And as always, I welcome any questions or comments you

may have on this or any other issue. Please feel free to call my full-time district office at (413)243-0289.

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YOGA, MANAGING THE "STUFF" OF OUR LIVES

Stop. Please. For just a moment. Take a full breath in. Raise your shoulders up to your ears. Hold a moment.

Now, exhale and let your shoulders drop. For just this moment, let some of that "stuff" we all tend to carry around on our shoulders (worries, to do's, shoulds) slide off. Now. How does that feel?

Taking time out for ourselves, to stretch & breathe is a simple and powerful means for regaining our equilibrium in the midst of the inevitable stresses that come with our full & often hectic lives.

We all feel the impact of living. This often shows up in stiff joints and muscles, irritability or just plain old weariness. Those who've tried some form of exercise like walking, swimming or aerobics can testify to the stress relieving effects that came from their efforts. Yet many of us are reluctant to exercise because we think it involves discomfort or strain or requires special equipment or a special place, or "look" to do it.

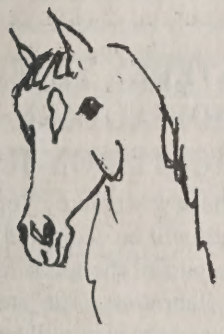
If this has been the case for you, then mindful yoga may be just the practice that's for you. The Sanskrit word yoga, meaning 'yoke,' and implies harnessing together and unifying the body and mind. Done mindfully, one pays close attention to the sensations that arise. These "messages" let one know what's right for their unique needs, or condition. By means of paying attention to the breath while in each posture, the mind is connected with the body. In this way, mindful yoga is also considered a form of meditation. Regular practice, of as little as 20-30 minutes a day will increase ones flexibility, strength and balance, as well as help one to experience deeper states of relaxation & awareness.

There are over 1000 studies that now prove the mind body health benefits of practicing yoga. In fact it seems rarely a month goes by without some article or report showing up in the media - like The Monterey News!

Whether one is a new or an old timer to yoga, where one begins a yoga practice is always the same - where you are. All one needs is a spirit of curiosity & willingness to give it a try. This July and

August, a longtime yoga instructor from Kripula Center (and newcomer to Monterey area) will be offering beginner/gentle and intermediate mindful yoga classes as well as one to one yoga therapy & coaching. If anyone is interested please call Sudha Londeen at 269-6030. I am still looking for a space to hold classes of 5-20 students, and would appreciate any & all leads.

Sudha Londeen



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SENATOR SAYS

On April 23, 1996, Governor Weld issued Executive Order 385, "Planning for Growth." The order said that the Commonwealth and its agencies should work with municipalities to plan for growth and environmental protection. Unfortunately, Executive Order 385 appears to be little more than lip service, because the Governor's annual budget recommendation for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) consistently fails to live up to the state's promise to support towns which host state parks and facilities.

"Planning for Growth" stated that, "{T}he ability to enjoy, protect and preserve environmental quality and resources depends to an i mportant degree on the economic well-being of the Commonwealth, and the ability to sustain long term economic well-being depends to an important degree on the protection and preservation of environmental quality and resources." It also recognized that, "{I}n the a bsence of effective growth management, the burden of balancing economic development with resource protection is not spread equitably but falls disproportionately on proponents of the most recent development, as well as on communities lacking sufficient means to pr otect their resources and guide development." Residents and local officials in western Massachusetts are proud of the Massachusetts system of state parks, and are aware of the ma ny priceless benefits to the public of state-owned open space: recreation, wildlife habitat, aquifer recharge, scenic vistas and comunity character, among others. But local officials are also justifiably frustrated that the state has not lived up to its financialcommitment of fully funding the PILOT account for state-owned land which is exempt from conventional local property taxes. If state agencies don't pay for their share of local expenses such as fire protection and road maintenance, local officials may feel forced to make up the difference by embracing potentially inappropriate private development which will pay its taxes.

In order to work toward full funding of the state's PILOT obligation, I am asking that language be added to the Fiscal Year 1998 state budget to provide a 20% increase over the PILOT funds recommended by the Weld/Cellucci administration. It will take some convincing to demonstrate to legislators from urban districts the importance of these PILOT funds to the small, rural towns in this district, but I intend to fight for this vital financial support.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) recently announced a new round of funding for the Municipal Incentive Grant Program. The program is designed to assist local officials in the planning, management and operation of cities and towns and the training of local officials. In past years, municipalities were required to have an approved "Community Action Statement" (CAS) on file with the state in order to apply for these grants. Few small towns in western Mass. felt able to pull together the paperwork for the CAS, so few of these grants were awarded in this part of the state. This year, communities are being asked to submit only a letter of interest before submitting a formal application. If you have a municipal program or project whic h might meet the grant criteria, contact your Board of Selectmen, Planning Board or another local agency about working with you on this grant. Letters of interest are due at DHCD on June 6, 1997. Please contact Sara Hathaway at my district office if you would likemore information about eligible projects.

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Dear Editor:

I am not a member of the congregation of the Monterey Church and never have been. I go to Quaker Meeting in Great Barrington and probably always will, but I know that I also will always feel myself to be a member of the Monterey Church family.

Since I started living in Monterey full time in 1974 the church building has been important to me. I was living in a tipi beside Hunger Brook and joined the Monterey Food Co-op, which meets in the church basement or social room every month. Twenty years later I am still in the co-op, still meeting my community family to parcel out the food order and exchange news and opinions there.

Every summer I take Monterey children on a series nature walks, an independent program that meets at the church and makes use of the social room, especially on rainy days. All through the years the Monterey Church has been generous to me and my family and has made a town center for our spread-out rural town.

We had a memorial service there for my mother three years ago and felt comforted and most welcome, as did our many friends from far away who came on that day to our town center.

Like a lot of people in this town, when I say "downtown" I mean that triangle from Church to Post Office to General Store. Now one of the three, the church building or meeting house, needs fixing up. We in the co-op know that whenever it rains we have to duck a major cataract right in front of the door to the basement. Then we hop the puddle on the floor just inside. Our children play on the steep front steps, but they are young and agile-- it's hard for elderly or handicapped people to get up to church, especially in the winter.

My love of the town, the community, is focussed in the physical town center. I am happy to have a chance now to express my appreciation in a physical way, with financial support for the Monterey Meeting House, or church.

Bonner J. McAllester

Dear Editor,

My wife and I owned a vacation home on Point Road, Lake Garfield, for 25 years ending in 1990, when we bought our winter home in Florida. We missed the beautiful area so much that we came back to own a home nearby in Lenox, near Tanglewood.

On June 28, we hope to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Prior to that, we expect to join friends in Monterey for the Memorial Day Parade. We also hope to attend the Sesquicentennial.

We look forward to seeing you all on those occasions!!

William M. Ginsburg

To the Editor:

As frequent Boiler Room Cafe diners, in Southfield as well as Great Barrington, my family and I wish to pay tribute to Michele Miller, its mother, chief cook and sometimes hostess, for her cuisine and ambiance. We choose not to sign this message because we professto speak with full confidence for many equally devoted friends and acquaintances who now mourn with us the demise of the Cafe! Full houses on the final nights testified eloquently to a dedicated clientele.

It's not just the end of another restaurant. It's more like boarding up the dining room because the beloved family cook became disabled. The only good thing about it is that Michele must need, and surely deserves, a good rest. We hope her memories are as happy as ours. Long live the legend of the Boiler Room Cafe! If you hear or read of the opening of a Boiler Room Cafe, don't jump to conclusions. It may not be Michele's creation.

Anonymous

MONTEREY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK TO BE DEDICATED ON JULY 4TH

The new Monterey Veterans Memorial Park will be dedicated on the 4th of July as part of the great 150th anniversary celebration. The"steles" (monuments) and the sign will be of dark grey granite. A flagpole also is to be installed. It will be landscaped and shoul d be a beautiful addition to the new Corashire Cemetery property. As of May 7th we have donations of $6200. Please, please don't let us down. We want this to be funded entirely by gifts in memory ofMonterey full time and summer residents. Send in your donations NOW! Mail to: Monterey Veterans Memorial Committee Monterey Town Treasurer Monterey, MA 01245

For the committee -

Dean P. Amidon, Chairman

COUNCIL ON AGING

To celebrate the arrival of Summer, the Monterey Council on Aging willhost a luncheon at noon on Friday, June 27 in the basement of town hall.

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MONTEREY NATURE WALKS

Bonner McAllester will conduct a series of nature walks for children age 6 to 12. The walks will depart from the Monterey Church, rain or shine, on Friday mornings: June 27, July 11, 18, and 25, 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. These walks are supported in part by a grant from the Monterey Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The cost to participants will be $2 per session per child.

The series of four walks constitutes a course in the natural history of Monterey and children are asked to register for all four walks, if possible. Please call Bonner at 528-9385 for more information and to register. Classes are limited to ten Monterey children.

GRANGE NEWS

On May 7, Monterey Grange 291 held a surprise Jack and Jill party for member Alice Shaffer and her fiance Leslie Davis.

At the May 21 meeting, Deputy Robert Peck from Pittsfield made his official visitation. He presented Mary Elizabeth with her 50 year golden sheaf.

Next meeting will be a covered dish supper at 7 p.m. followed by a business meeting June 18.

Mary Wallace

"VILLAS AND THEIR GARDENS: EDITH WHARTON'S ITALY"

The Monterey Historical Society will present a travel lecture inspired by Wharton's classic, "Italian Villas and Their Gardens." Speaker Thomas S. Hayes co-directs tours of Italy and is the former president of the Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc., an organization whose goal is to preserve and restore the Mount - the author's home in Lenox. The lecture will be illustrated by beautiful slides.

The Society is located in the Eastern wing of the Monterey Library in the center of town.

Cynthia Weber

THE OBSERVER - APRIL

At this writing (May 16) we've got green grass, and very nearly leaves on the trees. Snowfall for the season might go into the record now without having to revise it upward next month. Remember, this number is the result of no real winter, but an intermediate season more like spring than fall, running straight from November, 1996, through the April just past and even a little into May—which brought 111" snow, as compared to 159.25" during the 1995-'96 season. See you at the beach.

High temp (4/30)	70°
Low temp. (4/9)	97°
Avg. high temp.	53°
Avg. low temp.	29.7°
Avg. temp.	41°
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	43.4°
Precip. occ.	10 days
Rainfall	1.54"
Snowfall	29"
Total precip.	6.63"
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	3.41"
High bar. press.	30.21"
Low bar. press.	29.12"
High wind gust (4/8)	36 mph

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CALENDAR

Sundays, AA meetings, 9 a.m. in the Monterey Firehouse, Main Road.

Sunday, June 22. Bidwell House reenactment of encampments during the era of the American Revolution. Authentic clothing, weapons and camp gear. 19th Century cooking demonstrations. 11-4:30 p.m., 100 Art School Rd. 528-6888.

Tuesday, June 17. Free blood pressure clinic, 9–10:30 a.m. in the basement room of the Monterey Grange (town offices), Main Road.

Wednesday, June 18. Meeting of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District, 7 p.m. in the church basement.

Wednesday, June 18. Meeting of the Monterey Grange, in the Town Hall./ Grange Building

Friday, June 13, Contra dancing and country cooking at the Roadside Store with Oren and Bill, 5-8 p.m.

Friday, June 27. Steak & Shakespeare with Felix Otter & Players, 5-8 p.m., at the Roadside Store.

Friday, June 27. Council on aging luncheon in the basement of the Town Hall. Come and visit with old friends.

Saturday, June 21. Bidwell House Revolutionary War reenactment. See Sunday, June 22. 11:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28. Square and contradance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, 8:30–11:30 p.m. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker. All dances taught, beginners and children welcome. Refreshments. Adults $5, children $2. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

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